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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Eric Little,

Complainant,

vs.

San Diego Gas & Electric Company,

Defendant.

Case 04-08-011
(Filed August 10, 2004)

INTERIM OPINION EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of initiation unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the deadline. The 12-month deadline for resolving this matter is August 10, 2005.

On June 10, 2005, the parties filed the Joint Request of San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Complainant Eric Little for Extension of Deadline (Joint Request). In the Joint Request, the parties explain that they have an agreement for settlement of this matter, but that an important element of the settlement plan will not be in place until mid-September of 2005, after the 12-month deadline.

This order extending the statutory deadline may be necessary in order for the parties to finalize their settlement. In order to avoid the need for a further

extension order if the parties' estimate of the timing of completing their settlement is not completely accurate, we will extend the deadline to the end of 2005.

Therefore, good cause appearing, we extend the deadline for resolving this case until December 31, 2005.

Comments on Draft Decision

Under Rule 77.7(f)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of draft decisions that extend the deadline for resolution of adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 77.7(f)(4), the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Geoffrey F. Brown is the Assigned Commissioner and Anne E. Simon is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d), the current deadline for resolving this case is August 10, 2005.
2. The parties have requested an extension of the deadline in order to complete actions in relation to their settlement of this matter.
3. This order extending the statutory deadline may be necessary in order for the parties to finalize their settlement.

Conclusions of Law

1. The current deadline for resolution of this proceeding, imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d), should be extended until December 31, 2005.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the current deadline for resolution of this proceeding, imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d), is extended to December 31, 2005.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.